LOWER KING STREET STREETSCAPE NOTICE

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For website information on Streetscape, please click on: http://www.charlestoncity.info/dept/content.aspx?nid=391 http://www.charlestoncity.info/dept/content.aspx?nid=124

Last week's flyer reported that the construction project encountered unforeseen problems with the sewer laterals. Since then, evaluation and investigation of this discovery has been on-going. It is now certain that the scope of this part of the project has been significantly expanded. Instead of just re-lining many of the pipes, critical repairs and re-design must be made to numerous ones before they can be re-lined. This impacts the project to the extent that there will be additional work, but the good news is that the prime contractor will perform the repairs. It also means that the sidewalk area around a lateral repair job will have to be removed prior to making that repair.

The work of filming the inside of these pipes to evaluate individual conditions is vital and time consuming. The filming crew with their delicate instruments and the film vans will be working wherever they can safely and easily locate. Filming will be on-going through the month.

For those laterals that just need re-lining, the sub-contractor will continue that job. However, those laterals requiring repair will occur in a hop-scotch pattern. It will not be possible to necessarily predict next week's schedule for the weekly flyer. Bret, the Community Liaison, will be on site to visit businesses for timely notification of this repair work. Su will notate progress from the previous week in the flyer.

This week the sub-contractor has worked in the block on King Street between Market Street and Horlbeck Alley as well as evaluating areas on the east side of King Street just north and south of Queen Street.

- The water main installation remains at Horlbeck Alley. The large electrical conduit installation on King Street is almost to the Charleston Library Society at 162 King Street. Saw cutting of the pavement has been completed to Queen Street and is in a holding pattern.
- The second "Open for Business" sign was installed last Friday and George Birlandt Antiques was able to receive their special container shipment of antiques from England. The big rig driver was awesome!
- This week, Su will be distributing to selected merchants the encroachment agreements for sidewalk enhancements to be completed and returned to her.
- Preparations to do investigational borings in the vicinity of King and Market Streets and begin demo of the curb and sidewalks on the east side of King Street from Christian Michi (220) to Golden & Associates/A'Riga IV (208-204) remain in place. However, the sewer laterals repair work could impact these plans.
- The water main and electrical ductbank installation will begin for the <u>Queen Street area</u> in the near future. When this happens, a traffic control plan that is being formulated will be executed in a manner allowing for a safe working environment for constructions crews and to minimize traffic disruptions on King Street and Queen Street as much as possible.
- Streetscape staff is in the process of scheduling an October meeting for merchants and property owners.
- For after-hours occurrences that impact traffic conditions, please call the police at either the nonemergency number of 577-7434 or the emergency number of 911.

Toleration is the greatest gift of the mind.

Helen Keller